

**REMARKS**

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 8, 20, 22, and 23 are the independent claims. Claims 6, 7, 19-21, and 23 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 2, 10, 12, 13, and 21 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

The Office Action objected to the figures for failing to show every feature of the claims. By separate paper filed concurrently herewith, Applicants have submitted a replacement FIG. 4 which shows the sector number field as required by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to FIG. 5A. By separate paper filed concurrently herewith, Applicants have submitted a replacement FIG. 5A amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. By the present amendment, Applicants have amended claim 2 in a manner believed to address this rejection. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 2.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 10-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,442,128 (Lee et al.). Claims 2-5, 8, 9 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,252,838 (Kuroda et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, inter alia, a data identification area ... indicating whether the data recorded in a sector is linking data.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Lee et al. does not teach at least the aforementioned feature of independent claim 1.

Lee et al. relates to recording media and teaches indicating with a bit position b25 data and linking data in a DVD-R. (Lee et al., Col. 4, lines 5-13). However, Applicants respectfully

submit that Lee et al. does not teach what is claimed --namely, a data identification area ... indicating whether the data recorded in a sector is linking data.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

#### **STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP**

Applicants state that the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,442,128 (Lee et al.) were, at the time the invention of the subject matter of the present application, owned by a common assignee, --namely Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the primary citation to Lee et al. does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) against any of the claims of the subject application. (See MPEP § 706.02(I)(3)).

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

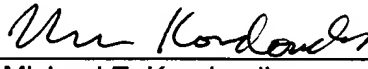
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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